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Remarks

Claims 5-12 are pending. Claims 1 - 4 have been cancelled. Claims 11 – 12 are newly added claims. Claim 5 has been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. No new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment.

Claims 1 – 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated U.S. Patent No. 7,089,298 (hereinafter Nyman)

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reason.

The Office Action alleges that Nyman discloses the feature of claim 5 of "*forwarding, by each device of the community which receives a request from the user chosen device, the at least one stored insertion request to said user chosen device*" at Fig. 3 (253,256); col. 16, lines 49-64; and col. 13, lines 22-37). Applicants respectfully disagree.

In Nyman, an ADD DEVICE message is used to distribute a new name in the ad hoc network (col. 12, lines 51 – 54, 62 – 63). Each device maintains its own name manager table containing name records for each device in the ad hoc network (col. 14, lines 20 – 25). Each device adds the new name into its name manager table. As shown in Fig. 3, the ADD DEVICE message is transmitted from one device to another device in succession, that is, one device transmits the message to another device once it has received the message and so on (col. 13, lines 22-31). As shown in Fig. 3, Paul's device receives the ADD DEVICE message which is forwarded to Ian's device. Ian's device forwards the ADD DEVICE message to Dan Jones' device.

By contrast, amended claim 5 recites that each device receives a request from a user chosen device and in response to that request, each of the devices, forwards to the user chosen device, any insertion requests that the device may have. The present invention advantageously allows a user to choose which device authorizes the insertion of new devices at anytime. Clearly, this feature is not recited in Nyman, which teaches

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that either a master device or the first device receiving the insertion request authorizes the insertion. Nyman does not each or suggest that, for example, Paul's device is chosen by a user among all devices to perform the authorization of Mark's device to join the ad hoc network.

Accordingly, amended claim 5 and its dependent claims are not anticipated by Nyman and as such, are patentable over Nyman. The remaining independent claims, and the claims that depend on them, recite the above-referenced feature and are also not anticipated by Nyman and are believed to be patentable over Nyman for the same reasons as discussed with respect to amended claim 5.

Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been traversed and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection to these claims.

Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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